

Adult Catechism @

Year 1 Sacraments

BAPTISM

Immaculate Conception

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Any Seeds Planted? Any Memories Provoked? Any Questions Raised? Any Actions Prompted?

1210 The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life. St. Thomas Aquinas _____

1212 The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. _____

1214 To baptize (Greek *baptizein*) means to *plunge* or *immerse*; the *plunge* into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which the catechumen rises up by resurrection with him as *a new creature*. _____

1213 Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.

Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. Roman Catechism

1215 ...*the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit...* Titus 3:5; John 3:5 _____

1216 *This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding...* St. Justin _____

1216 We call it...**gift** because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own, **grace** since it is given even to the guilty; **Baptism** because sin is buried in the water; **anointing** for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; **enlightenment** because it radiates light; **clothing** since it veils our shame; **bath** because it washes; and **seal** as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship. St. Gregory of Nazianzus _____

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to *fulfill all righteousness*. Matthew 3:15 Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. See Philippians 2:7 _____

1225 See where you are baptized, see where Baptism comes from, if not from the cross of Christ, from his death.

There is the whole mystery: he died for you.

In him you are redeemed, in him you are saved. St. Ambrose _____

1228 *The word is brought to the material element, and it becomes a sacrament.* St. Augustine _____

1229 From the time of the apostles,
becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages,
...rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present:
proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith,
Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion. _____

1231 By its very nature infant Baptism requires a *post-baptismal catechumenate*. _____

1232 ...the catechumenate for adults... in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*...
[Inquiry → Pre-Catechumenate → Catechumate → Sacraments → Mystagogy] _____

1235 The sign of the cross...
marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him
and signifies the grace of the redemption Christ won for us by his cross. _____

1239 Baptism is performed in the most expressive way
by triple immersion in the baptismal water.
However, from ancient times it has also been able to be conferred
by pouring the water three times over the candidate's head. _____

1241 The *anointing with sacred chrism*...
signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized,
who has become a Christian,
that is, one *anointed* by the Holy Spirit, incorporated into Christ
who is anointed **priest, prophet, and king**. _____

1243 The *white garment* symbolizes that the person baptized
has *put on Christ* (Gal 3:27), has risen with Christ.
The *candle*, lit from the Easter candle, signifies that Christ has enlightened the neophyte.
In Christ the baptized are *the light of the world*. Matthew 5:14 _____

1246 *Every person not yet baptized and only such a person
is able to be baptized.* Canon Law _____

1248 The catechumenate is to be a formation in the whole Christian life
...during which disciples are joined to Christ their teacher,
...properly initiated into the mystery of salvation and the practice of the evangelical virtues,
...and introduced into the life of faith, liturgy, and charity of the People of God... _____

1250 The **sheer gratuitousness** of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in **infant Baptism**. _____

1252 The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the 2nd century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole *households* received baptism, infants may also have been baptized. _____

1253 Baptism is the sacrament of faith. But faith needs the community of believers. _____

1255 The role and task of the *godfather* and *godmother* is a truly ecclesial function (*officium*). _____

1257 *God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but God is not bound by God's sacraments.* _____

1258 **Baptism of blood**:...Those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. _____

1259 For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit **desire** for Baptism, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament. _____

1260 *Since Christ died for all...the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery* (Vatican II). Every human who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such a person **would have desired** Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity. _____

1264 Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls *concupiscence*, or metaphorically, *the tinder for sin*...

978 ...The grace of Baptism delivers no one from the weakness of nature. _____

1267 Baptism **incorporates** us into the Church. _____

1268 *Baptism gives a share in the common **priesthood of all believers**.* _____

1269 ...the baptized...also enjoys rights...: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church. Canon Law _____

1272 Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (*character*) of belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark... Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

979 *The Church must be able to forgive all penitents their offenses, even if they should sin until the last moment of their lives.* Roman Catechism _____

1217 ff. (The **Blessing of the Baptismal Water at the Easter Vigil** is discussed.)

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;
O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;
O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;
O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized;
O God, whose Son baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:

Go forth, teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; Mt 28:19-20

look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.
May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that human nature, created in your image
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old,
may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

LOWERING THE PASCHAL CANDLE INTO THE WATER THREE TIMES

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son into the fullness of this font,
so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

AT AMEN THE CANDLE IS LIFTED OUT OF THE WATER. ACCLAMATION IS SUNG TWICE.

Springs of water, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever. Roman Missal, 2011

Do you renounce Satan? *I do.*

And all his works? *I do.*

And all his empty show? *I do.*

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? *I do.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? *I do.*

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? *I do.*